

What is Claimed is:

1           1.     Manually portable equipment for wireless transmission and reception of data for  
2 verification of credit and/or checking information, said equipment comprising:

- 3                   a)     a wireless transceiver;
- 4                   b)     a data terminal including at least one of credit and check data entry means;
- 5                   c)     a rechargeable DC battery external to both said transceiver and said data
- 6 terminal;
- 7                   d)     wiring connecting said battery to both said transceiver and said terminal;
- 8 said battery providing the sole source of operating power to said transceiver and said data
- 9 terminal.

1           2.     The equipment of claim 1 wherein said transceiver is configured to communicate  
2 data via direct satellite link from essentially any location in the world.

1           3.     The equipment of claim 2 wherein said terminal communication credit card data to  
2 said transceiver and receives responding credit card data from said transceiver.

1           4.     The equipment of claim 2 including a check reader and associated check reader  
2 adapter for generating signals commensurate with indicia printed or encoded on a check and for  
3 applying said signals to said transceiver for transmission thereof as at least part of said data.

1- 5. The equipment of claim 2 and further including a simulated telephone line connecting  
2 said terminal to said transceiver.

1 6. The equipment of claim 2 and further including a cordless telephone connected to said  
2 terminal.

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2 said terminal to said transceiver.